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If by the Body! how can .Wit and Will,
Join with the body, only in this act ?
Since when they do their other works
fulfil, They from the Body, do
themselves abstract !

Again, if Souls, of Souls begotten were,
Into each other they should change and
move! And Change and Motion still
corruption bear; How shall we then, the
Soul immortal prove ?

If, lastly, Souls did generation use,
Then should they spread incorruptible
seed! What then becomes of that which
they to lose, When the acts of
generation do not speed ?

And though the Soul *could* cast spiritual
seed, Yet *would* She not, because She
never dies ! For mortal things desire,
their like to breed; That so they may
their kind immortalise!

Therefore the angels, Sons of God are named
! And marry not, nor are in marriage
given! Their spirits and ours are of one
Substance framed, And have one Father,
even the Lord of heaven ;

Who would at first, that in each other thing,
The earth and water, living souls should
breed;
But that Man's Soul (whom He would make
their king)
Should from Himself immediately proceed!

And when He took the woman from
man's side, Doubtless Himself
inspired her soul alone ! For 'tis not
said, he did, Man's *soul* divide^ But
took *flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone!*

Lastly, GOD, being made Man, for man's own
sake ! And being like man in all, except
in sin: His Body, from the Virgin's womb
did take; But all agree, GOD *formed His
soul within !*